

March 2, 2015

Ms. Beth Bye
Ms. Toni Walker
State of Connecticut
Appropriations Committee
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Ms. Bye and Ms. Walker:

Subject: Plumb Memorial Library, Shelton, Connecticut

We respectfully ask that you consider funding for the Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC) and Connecticard which was eliminated from Governor Malloy's budget proposal.

The value of these services is immeasurable. We are the envy of many small states precisely because we do have statewide library card recognition.

The CLC negotiates and enables discounts to our library for the purchase of books allowing for a substantial subsidy. Locally, our budget does not allow for the purchase of many books. Eliminating this state program will hurt us tremendously

The library, especially in times of economic recession, allows for a resource to individuals looking for work. The jobs website which offers free job postings for the libraries in the State of Connecticut reaches out nationally. This exposure could not be matched with anything the state library has to offer.

Again, we know the value our local library provides to our residents and ask you to reconsider cutting any services at this time.

Thank you.

Barbara W. Glover, Chairman, Plumb Memorial Library

Aleta A. Miner, Director, Plumb Memorial Library

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